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38. The process of claim 16 wherein the solvent is propylene glycol.--

**REMARKS**

Claims 1-15 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph. Claims 1-15 have been rewritten as new claims 16-30 to clarify the claimed invention. The objected to terms are not present in the new claims. Withdrawal of this rejection is requested.

Claims 1-15 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as anticipated by Tetr. New claims 16-30 are directed to the recovery of nylon from a nylon-containing carpet. Tetr does not teach the addition of a solvent and using the dissolution temperature of the nylon to aid in separation of the nylon from waste carpet as claimed in the instant claims. Withdrawal of this rejection is requested.

**CONCLUSION**

In view of the above amendments and remarks, it is requested that all of the rejections and objections be withdrawn. Notice of allowance is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,



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